The recommendations of the Committee, *inter-alia*, include setting up of a Natonal Tourism Board and a separate cadre for tourism service.

The recommendations made by the National Committee on Tourism are being examined by the Government.

Non-Completion of seven special projects by the ICHR

1799. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of expenditure incurred so for by the Indian Council of Historical Research on the seven special projects assigned by Government during 1972—75 and what is the number of those projects which are still incomplete; and

(b) whether it is a fact that none of the said projects has been completed, even after incurring in a huge expenditure; if so, what action has been taken by Government against the persons responsible therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) and (b) An expenditure of about Rs. 135.72 lakhs has been incurred by the Indian Council of Historical Research upto 31st March, 1988 on the 7 special projects which are at different stages of completion. Steps for the early completion of the projects have been initiated by the Council.

Scheme for Encouragement of Vedic Mathematics

1800. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rashtriya Ved Vidya Pratishthan has prepared a scheme to encourage the exploring of various aspects of Vedic Mathematics; if so, what are the details thereof and the progress made so far on this count and if no progress has been made, what are the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether a workshop on Vedic Mathematics was organised in Jaipur in March last; if so, what are its recommendations and Government's response to each recommendation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) and (b) The Rashtriya Ved Vidya Pratishthan organised a Workshop on Vedic Mathematics in Jaipur in March, 1988. A Statement of the recommendations of the Workshop is appended herewith. (*See* below)

In pursuance of the recommendations, the Pratishthan has constituted an Expert Committee. The Committee held its first meeting on the 2nd August, 1988 and chalked out a programme for holding the second Workshop on Vedic Mathematics: The main theme of the Second Workshop will be identification from among the concerned 'sutras' those which are applicable in the fields of Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry and Calculus.

The Committee has also chalked out an outline of the main themes which should be discussed in the subsequent workshops. This will include the consideration of the question of application of Vedic Mathematics to computers and introduction of Vedic Mathematics at various levels of studies.

Statement

Recommendations of the Workshop on Vedic Mathematics organised in March, 1988 by the Ved Vidya Pratishthan.

1. A multidisciplinary committee consisting of experts from the fields of Mathematics-Vedic, traditional and